CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:	To	eam:	CCRB Case #:	Force Discourt. U.S.		
Daniel Giansante	Sc	quad #5	201907132	✓ Abuse ☐ O.L. ☐ Injury		
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Witness(es)		Home Add	ress			
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command			
1. LT Hong Chen	00000	934189	094 PCT			
2. CPT William Glynn	00000	932718	081 PCT			
Witness Officer(s)	Shield No	Tax No	Cmd Name			
1. POM Christophe Spizuco	04181	961321	094 PCT			
2. POM Robinson Hernandez	12236	965184	094 PCT			
3. POM Christian Kennedy	11345	964086	094 PCT			
4. POM Michael Vera	22956	939651	094 PCT			
5. SGT Igor Ubavin	4717	937851	094 PCT			
6. POM Sebastian Escobar	11099	960503	094 PCT			
7. POM Daniel Suaza	01287	962821	094 PCT			
8. POF Andrea Haro	05898	951806	094 PCT			
9. POM Md Ahammed	04231	951482	094 PCT			
10. POM Jerard Seletski	24646	931201	094 PCT			
11. POM Damian Poplawski	16501	964223	094 PCT			
12. POM Andrew Lau	29282	965255	094 PCT			
13. POM Peterjohn Santiago	21198	945307	094 PCT			
14. POM Philip Kara	28693	957726	094 PCT			
Officer(s)	Allegation			Investigator Recommendation		
A.CPT William Glynn	Abuse: Cap	tain William Glynn	questioned § 87(2)(b)			
B.LT Hong Chen	Abuse: Lieu property.	Abuse: Lieutenant Hong Chen damaged § 87(2)(b) s				
C.CPT William Glynn	Abuse: Cap	Abuse: Captain William Glynn stopped § 87(2)(b)				
D.LT Hong Chen	Force: Lieu	Force: Lieutenant Hong Chen used a chokehold against				
E.CPT William Glynn	Abuse: Captain William Glynn frisked §87(2)(b)					
F.CPT William Glynn	Abuse: Captain William Glynn searched § 87(2)(b)					
G.LT Hong Chen	Force: Lieu	tenant Hong Chen u	used physical force a	gainst		
H.CPT William Glynn	Abuse: Cap	tain William Glynn	frisked § 87(2)(b)			

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I.CPT William Glynn	Abuse: Captain William Glynn failed to provide §87(2)(b) with a business card.	
J.LT Hong Chen	Abuse: Lieutenant Hong Chen failed to provide with a business card.	

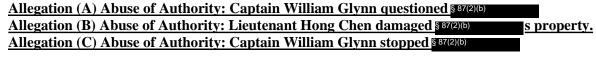
Case Summary

On August 12, 2019, \$87(2)(b) filed this complaint by phone with the CCRB.
On August 9, 2019, at approximately 6:46 p.m., on a pedestrian path in front of 60
Kingsland Avenue in the Cooper Park Houses NYCHA development in Brooklyn, Captain William
Glynn of the 94 th Precinct questioned § 87(2)(b) (Allegation: Abuse of Authority, § 87(2)(g)
and Lieutenant Hong Chen, also of the 94 th Precinct, allegedly damaged \$87(2)(b) s cellphone by
knocking it from his hand (Allegation B: Abuse of Authority, \$87(2)(9) Capt. Glynn
stopped \$87(2)(b) (Allegation C: Abuse of Authority, \$87(2)(g) and Lt. Chen allegedly
placed \$87(2)(b) in a chokehold (Allegation D: Force, \$87(2)(g) Capt. Glynn frisked
s pants pocket (Allegation E: Abuse of Authority, \$87(2)(9) and then searched the
pocket (Allegation F: Abuse of Authority, \$87(2)(g) Lt. Chen allegedly pushed his knee
into § 87(2)(b) s back and pulled back his arm to place him in handcuffs while standing up
(Allegation G: Force, \$87(2)(g) Capt. Glynn directed another officer to frisk \$87(2)(b)
again (Allegation H: Abuse of Authority, \$87(2)(9) Capt. Glynn and Lt. Chen eventually
released \$87(2)(b) and failed to offer to provide him with their business cards (Allegations I-J:
Abuse of Authority, § 87(2)(g)

The investigation obtained BWC footage from Lt. Chen and 14 other officers who responded to the scene (BR01-17). Capt. Glynn was not equipped with a BWC at the time of the incident. Provided four cellphone videos capturing the incident which he obtained from witnesses (BR18-21). The investigation also obtained TARU pole camera footage (BR32-33) and NYCHA CCTV footage (BR34), neither of which captured the incident. All references to video evidence below refer to the time stamp in the video player, not the on-screen clock embedded in the video itself.

Capt. Glynn has since been promoted to Deputy Inspector and transferred to the 81st Precinct. He is referred to as Capt. Glynn throughout this report as that was the rank he held at the time of the incident.

Findings and Recommendations



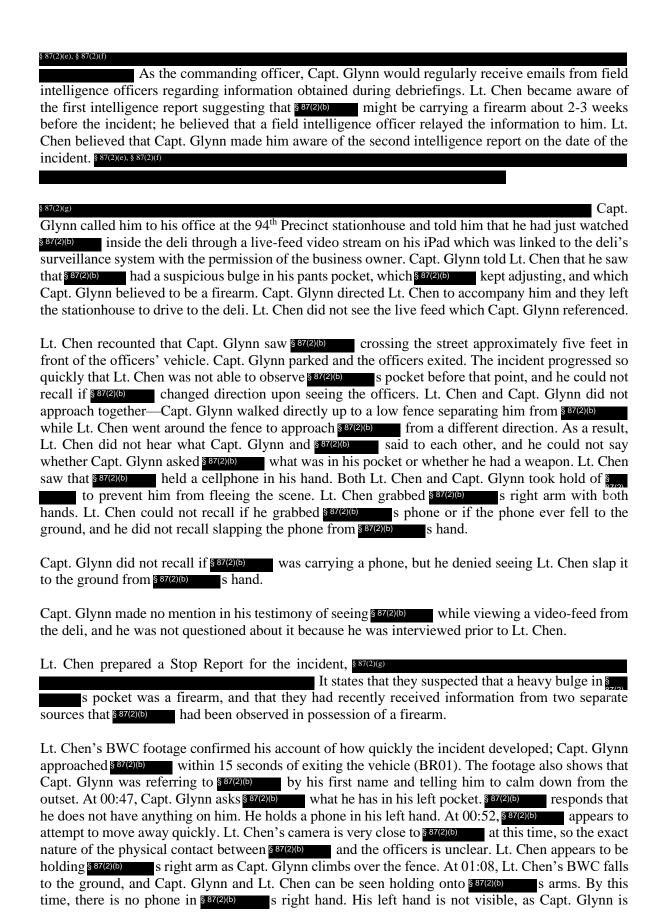
It is undisputed that \$87(2)(6) exited a deli across the street from the NYCHA development and walked on a pedestrian path within the complex, at which point Capt. Glynn and Lt. Chen approached him. It is further undisputed that Capt. Glynn called out to \$87(2)(6) by name and asked him what was in his pocket, that \$87(2)(6) started to move away, and that Lt. Chen and Capt. Glynn physically apprehended him.

recounted in his CCRB interview that he was wearing sweatpants at the time of the incident, that the pants had left and right front pockets, and that he carried in his left pocket a single key which was on a metal hook and a long metal chain (BR22). Solution produced the key and keychain during his interview (photograph at BR29). Solution was carrying his phone in his right hand, and he had no other objects in his pockets. Capt. Glynn exited his vehicle nearby and asked what was in his left pocket and if he had any weapons on him. Solution said, "No," and he told Capt. Glynn that there was nothing in his left pocket. He also asked if he could call his mother before anything happened because he did not feel safe around the officers. Solution was 25 years old at the time of the incident. Capt. Glynn told Solution to calm down and that he just wanted to see what was in his pockets. Lt. Chen then used his right hand to slap Solution so phone out of his

and attributed the cracked screen to the incident (BR30). §87(2)(b) attempted to move away from Lt. Chen, but Lt. Chen quickly took hold of him and prevented him from leaving. In his CCRB interview, Capt. Glynn explained that his actions during the incident were based in part upon his prior knowledge of \$87(2)(b) s criminal history (BR23). Capt. Glynn became the commanding officer of the 94th Precinct in November 2017, and at that time he became aware that s street name was '\$87(2)(b) and that he was involved in narcotics sales within the NYCHA development where he lived. On August 18, 2018, a man named \$87(2)(b) was killed in the vicinity of § 87(2)(b) , which is the building within the NYCHA complex in which resided. § 87(2)(b) and his brother, § 87(2)(b) were named as suspects in the killing. Capt. Glynn later became aware that individuals within the NYCHA complex wanted to shoot \$87(2)(b) around the time of New Year's Eve 2018, in retaliation for the killing of Wood. On two occasions in July 2019, about a week or two apart, Capt. Glynn received information from two separate, credible sources indicating that §87(2)(b) had taken to carrying a firearm out of fear that others would attack him in relation to the killing in 2017. § 87(2)(e), § 87(2)(f) In addition, Capt. Glynn believed that § 87(2)(b) arrested for possession of a firearm in 2016. Capt. Glynn noted generally that there had been 12 shootings at the Cooper Park Houses between 2015 and the date of the incident. At the time of the incident, Capt. Glynn was in a vehicle with Lt. Chen and saw §87(2)(b) distance of no more than ten feet, walking near \$87(2)(b). Capt. Glynn saw a bulge in s left front pants pocket. Capt. Glynn believed the bulge was created by a heavy object, and it had the outline of a small firearm, such as a two-shot "derringer." Capt. Glynn noted in his interview that he had participated in dozens of firearms arrests, including some which involved very small firearms. Capt. Glynn mentioned in his interview that he thought he saw \$57(2)(5) "cradle" the object in his pocket once or twice, but he explained that he could not recall with certainty. Shortly after Capt. Glynn spotted him, \$87(2)(b) changed direction, stopped, and then passed behind Capt. Glynn's vehicle as he walked toward the NYCHA development. Capt. Glynn believed that \$87(2)(b) had suddenly stopped and changed direction because he had seen Capt. Glynn and Lt. Chen, and this increased Capt. Glynn's suspicion of him. During his CCRB interview, Capt. Glynn explained that he had a "Level 2" suspicion of \$87(2)(6) at that point. Capt. Glynn was sure that he communicated his observation of the possible firearm to Lt. Chen, though he could not recall exactly how he did so. Capt. Glynn confirmed that he approached \$87(2)(b) referred to him by name, and asked him what was in his left pocket. Capt. Glynn did not think that he asked \$87(2)(b) specifically if he had a weapon in his pocket. Capt. Glynn could not recall whether \$87(2)(b) specifically had any response to his question, although Capt. Glynn noted that [S87(2)(b) responded in a loud voice, cursed, said that he should not be stopped, and moved his arms outward and forward in front of him. Capt. Glynn again asked, \$87(2)(b) what's in your left pocket?" \$87(2)(b) then attempted to run away in the direction from which Lt. Chen was approaching, which raised Capt. Glynn's level of suspicion to a "Level 3." Lt. Chen and Capt. Glynn then grabbed \$87(2)(b) within seconds of each other. Capt. Glynn could not recall during his CCRB interview what communication, if any, he had with Lt. Chen regarding whether and how \$87(2)(b) should be stopped, but Capt. Glynn affirmed that he was responsible for stopping \$87(2)(b) because he was Lt. Chen's supervisor. Lt. Chen provided testimony which shed greater light on the "sources" which Capt. Glynn cited as having suggested that §87(2)(b) was carrying a firearm (BR24). Lt. Chen explained that §87(2)(b) "DAS" database record had two intelligence reports stating that §87(2)(b) might be carrying a

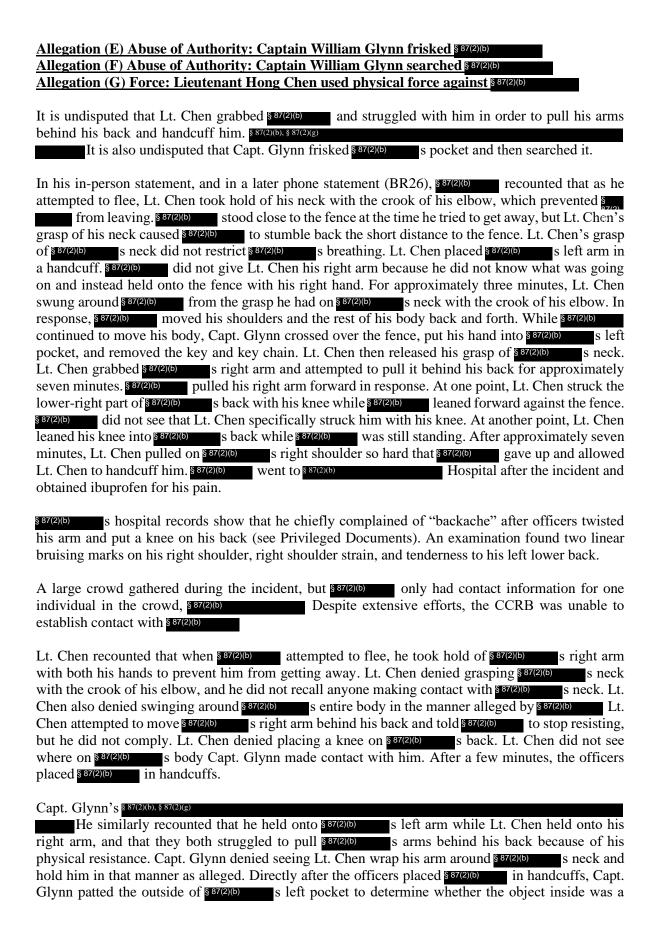
hand, causing the phone to fall to the ground. §87(2)(b) produced the phone at his CCRB interview

firearm. § 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(e), § 87(2)(f)



pulling it behind his back. At no point does the footage show Lt. Chen taking away phone or slapping it out of his hand.
§ 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(g)
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Patrol Guide Procedure 212-11 defines a "Level 2 Encounter" (referenced by Capt. Glynn in his testimony) or a "Common Law Right of Inquiry" as an encounter between a civilian and an office conducted for the purpose of asking the civilian pointed or accusatory questions because the office has a "founded suspicion" that criminal activity is afoot. Founded suspicion arises when there is some present indication of criminality based on observable conduct or reliable hearsay information. During such an encounter, the officer may approach a person to ask accusatory questions, but the person i free to refuse to answer and to leave. The level of suspicion increases to "Level 3" or "reasonable suspicion" if the person attempts to run away, and officers are then permitted to pursue the person and stop them. Reasonable suspicion exists when the information known to an officer, and the surrounding circumstances, would lead an officer of ordinary prudence and caution to conclude that a crime has been, is being, or is about to be committed. The officer must have a particularized and objective basis for suspecting the person stopped of the criminal conduct, and he must be able to articulate specific facts establishing justification for the stop (BR25).
§ 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(g)
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Allegation (D) Force: Lieutenant Hong Chen used a chokehold against 887(2)(b)



weapon. Capt. Glynn felt the object inside the pocket, but he could not tell what it was and still believed that it was possibly a firearm. As a result, Capt. Glynn then reached into the pocket and removed the object.

Lt. Chen's first BWC clip captured this portion of the incident (BR01g). The physical struggle begins
at approximately 00:53, when Lt. Chen first appears to grab \$87(2)(b) The footage is chaotic and
at times unclear because Lt. Chen is so close to \$87(2)(b) However, it is clear that initially Lt. Chen
grabbed \$87(2)(b) s right arm—Lt. Chen's left hand can be seen holding onto \$87(2)(b) s right
bicep, while his right hand is holding \$87(2)(b) s right wrist. In this manner, Lt. Chen attempted to
bend \$87(2)(b) s arm behind his body. The footage does not support \$87(2)(b) s claim that Lt.
Chen immediately wrapped his neck into the crook of his elbow. At 01:10, Lt. Chen's BWC falls to
the ground and from there provides a clearer view of the struggle. §87(2)(5) is bent over the low
fence as Lt. Chen grapples with his right arm and Capt. Glynn grapples with his left arm. § 87(2)(b)
head and neck occasionally move out of view as he resists the officers and yells, but it is clear that at
no point does Lt. Chen put his arm around §87(2)(b) s neck. The footage does not show clearly
whether Lt. Chen put his knee into \$87(2)(b) s back. At 01:49, Capt. Glynn frisks \$87(2)(b) s
upper-left leg. Capt. Glynn then enters \$87(2)(b) s left pants pocket and removes the key. \$87(2)(b)
exclaims that it is just a key, and Capt. Glynn replies, "That's all you had to say." Capt. Glynn puts
the key back into \$87(2)(b) s pocket.
At no point during any of the video footage obtained by the investigation can Lt. Chen be seen
grasping \$87(2)(b) by the neck in any capacity, nor can he be seen placing a knee on \$87(2)(b) s
back.
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<u>Patrol Guide Procedure 212-11</u> states that an officer is permitted to frisk a civilian when the officer has reasonable suspicion that the person possesses a weapon. A search occurs when the officer places his hand inside a pocket to remove an object that the officer felt during a frisk and reasonably suspects

is a weapon. When a frisk reveals an object that an officer reasonably suspects may be a weapon, the officer search only those interior portions of the civilian's clothing to remove the weapon.

§ 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(g)
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Allegation (H) Abuse of Authority: Captain William Glynn frisked 887(2)(b)
It is undisputed that Police Officer Andrea Haro of the 94 th Precinct frisked \$87(2)(b) at the instruction of Capt. Glynn.
recounted that numerous officers arrived on scene once he was handcuffed, and Capt. Glynn instructed PO Haro to perform an "outside frisk" of [887(2)(b)] PO Haro patted down the front, back, and sides of [887(2)(b)] s legs.
PO Haro's frisk of strick of tisk of the second is captured in PO Hernandez's BWC footage (BR04, beginning at 01:05), PO Kennedy's BWC footage (BR05, beginning at 01:10), and in the beginning of the second cellphone clip provided by strick (BR19). Capt. Glynn told her to perform an "outer frisk" on strick (BR19).
At his CCRB interview, Capt. Glynn initially could not recall instructing another officer to pat down and did not recall anyone performing an additional frisk after he frisked and searched pocket. Viewing the BWC footage refreshed Capt. Glynn's recollection that the second frisk took place, but he still could not recall why he told PO Haro to frisk capt. Glynn specified that an "outer frisk" is simply an open palmed pat down of someone's clothing, and he affirmed that PO Haro's frisk of frisk of frisk of the video footage was consistent with his direction to her.
As previously noted, Capt. Glynn originally approached society based upon his knowledge of potential propensity for carrying a firearm, and upon his observation of a bulge in pocket which he suspected was a small firearm. By the time Capt. Glynn instructed PO Haro to frisk society he had already searched society pocket and determined that it did not contain a firearm. Capt. Glynn provided no additional explanation or justification for why it was necessary that society be frisked again.
<u>Patrol Guide Procedure 212-11</u> states that an officer is permitted to frisk a civilian when the officer has reasonable suspicion that the person possesses a weapon, or when the officer has reasonable suspicion that the person has committed, is committing, or is about to commit a violent crime.
§ 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(g)

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Allegation (I) Abuse of Authority: Captain William Glynn failed to provide with a business card.

Allegation (J) Abuse of Authority: Lieutenant Hong Chen failed to provide with a business card.

It is undisputed that the officers did not arrest or summons and that neither Capt. Glynn nor Lt. Chen offered to provide a business card to \$87(2)(b)

At the time of his interview, provided Capt. Glynn and Lt. Chen's names, which he learned from looking at their nameplates during the incident.

Capt. Glynn recounted that after they released him from handcuffs, \$87(2)(b) yelled at the officers and told them that he was going to sue them. A woman who identified herself as \$87(2)(b) s mother spoke to Capt. Glynn, but she did not seem to be receptive to what he said as he told her that he had stopped \$87(2)(b) because he believed that he had a gun. Capt. Glynn noted that he would typically give a civilian a business card in this type of situation. However, there were a number of reasons that he chose not to offer a business card to \$87(2)(b) his business cards were in his vehicle and he did not want to be on scene longer than necessary because emotions were high; he had already verbally provided \$87(2)(b) and his mother with his name; he believed \$87(2)(b) had already photographed his nameplate and shield; \$87(2)(b) may have already known who he was; he was the commanding officer of the 94th Precinct and therefore his identity could be easily ascertained on the internet.

Lt. Chen explained that he did not offer \$87(2)(b) a business card because \$87(2)(b) had been uncooperative and had physically resisted his apprehension, and Lt. Chen did not think it was a good idea to "provoke something else." Lt. Chen further recounted that the situation "was done already" and noted that \$87(2)(b) had already photographed the officers.

In the Stop Report, Lt. Chen noted that a business card was not offered because [887(2)(6)] "was highly uncooperative and very aggressive at the scene during the time of the stop."

While Capt. Glynn and Lt. Chen referenced the tense nature of the encounter and that the gathered civilians yelled and were unhappy with their explanations, neither officer recounted that he believed he or anyone else was in danger of physical injury.

New York City Administrative Code §14-174 stipulates that an officer must offer a business card to the subject of law enforcement activity at the conclusion of any law enforcement activity which results in frisks and searches of individuals but that does not result in a summons or arrest. The business cards, at minimum, must include the officer's name, rank, shield number, a space to write in the officer's command, a phone number for the 311 customer service center, and an indication that such phone number may be used to submit comments about the encounter. An officer is not required to offer a business card if exigent circumstances require immediate action by such officer, if he reasonably expects that he or any other person is in danger of physical injury or that there is an imminent risk of damage to property, or to forestall the imminent escape of a suspect or imminent potential destruction of evidence (BR28).

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